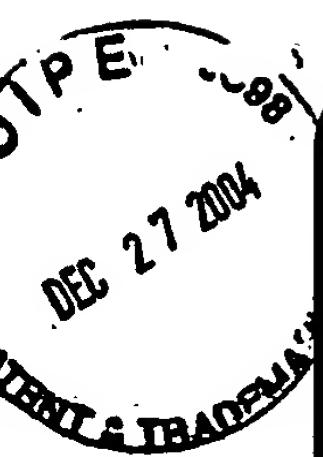


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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES	
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
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AFTER AN INITIAL FUNDING STATE)
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, please enter the following response. The Shortened Statutory Period established for responding to the Action is set to expire on **December 24, 2004**. The present paper is being filed on December 27 (December 24 being a federal holiday, and December 25 and 26 being Saturday and Sunday, respectively), and accordingly, it is believed there is no extension fee due in connection with this filing. However, if such a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such a fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning at page 2, which supersedes all prior listings of the claims.

Remarks begin at page 8.